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MILLION DOLLAR TREASURE

Vancouver, B.C., April 24.

A quarter million dollar treasure has been packed in 26 big boxes and placed in bond by Canadian Customs officials as no clues have been found to the mystery of the disappearance at sea of their owners, Honai Bar, Shanghai banker.

The banker disappeared from the a.m. "Sam Water" when the small passenger-freighter was three days from Vancouver and the captain of the vessel, Captain F. Howe, said the general belief is that Bar fell overboard while the craft was tossing in rough seas.

Bar, who was head of the Banque Franco-Chinese, had told Captain Howe that he intended to sell a portion of his collection of gems and curios in New York and then proceed homeward to retire. Bar was a native of France.

Crewmen of the s.s. "Sam Water" said that ill fortune had dogged the vessel from the time she began loading at Shanghai until two hours after Bar's disappearance was discovered on April 17, only a few hours outside of the port of Vancouver.

In Shanghai, during the loading of the ship, a cooie fell and was badly injured. Two days later, just out of port, the mate ship went insane and the ship had to put into Yokohama to discharge the demented man ashore and get a replacement.

Associated Press.

ALLOCATION OF GERMAN SHIPS

Brussels, Apr. 24.

The Inter-allied Reparations Agency today announced that German merchant tonnage allocations are in proportion to the tonnage which each lost in the war as to two thirds, the remaining third being allocated to the Soviet Union, who will share it with Poland.

The United States will get 17.82 per cent, the United Kingdom and colonies 46.04 per cent and South Africa 0.14 per cent. It has been estimated that 1,189,600 tons, with a total value of £20,000,000 are available for distribution.—Reuter.

Statesmanship Necessary

London, April 24.

The President of the London branch of the All India Moslem League, Mohammed Abbas Ali, in a letter to "The Times" today says that India's varied problems might be solved overnight if the British Cabinet Mission "look to their practical side."

"I am sure they will," he added. "The differences between Hindus and Muslims are not based on communal or 'sectional' claims against one another. These differences are not the same as those between Catholics and Protestants or between Labour and Conservatives in Britain."

"Hindus" and Moslems, although they have lived together for a thousand years, could not be united, as they are fundamentally different from one another. They are two rival nations, and fortunately the Muslim League, as representative of the Muslims, has proved that fact in recent elections.

"The Muslim demand for separate states is just a national demand for freedom and peace, so there is no question of safeguarding the interest of one against the interest of the other."

"Muslims are against Hindu imperialism as Indians as a whole are against foreign rule and are determined to take control of their own affairs."

"It is famous British statesmanship that can save India from an eternal discord."

Reuter.

RELEASE OF P.O.Ws. 500,000 Germans Still Held All Out By Next October

(By LYFORD MOORE)

FRANKFURT, APRIL 24.

ALL GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN THE UNITED STATES OCCUPATION ZONE, COMPRISING SOME 532,000 MEN HELD IN MORE THAN 100 CAMPS, WILL BE RELEASED FROM P.O.W. STATUS BY NEXT OCTOBER, ACCORDING TO GERMAN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

WHILE NOT ALL WILL BE SET COMPLETELY FREE BY THAT DATE, ALL WILL HAVE BEEN SCREENED BY THEN AND THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR DISCHARGE WILL BE RELEASED. PRISONERS IN SPECIAL CATEGORIES WILL REVERT TO THE STATUS OF "CIVILIAN INTERNEES" THROUGH AUTOMATIC ARREST REGULATIONS.

The half million Germans inhabiting the familiar barbed-wire enclosures that are landmarks in most cities of the zone, are all that now remain of the approximately 5,000,000 P.O.W.s in American custody on V-E Day.

According to latest figures, approximately 3,500,000 of those formerly held have already been discharged. Some 800,000 came under the charge of the British Army when it took over its occupation zone and 623,000 have been transferred to the French, including 130,000 who were already in territory which later became the French occupation zone.

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SMUGGLER CAUGHT

London, April 24.

A French pilot, Henri Dericourt, was fined by the Croydon Bench for breaches of export regulations today when he attempted to take gold, platinum and notes to France.

He was ordered to remain in custody until the fines totalling £500 were paid.

The Public Prosecutor said that Dericourt was about to pilot a plane from Croydon to Paris when Customs officials examined a bag which he had not presented for examination.

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Strange Saga Of 'Ada Rehan'

Shanghai, April 24.

The strange saga of the good ship "Ada Rehan" took another freak turn yesterday. Crew members in a whisper over a short beer in Blood Alley, passed along the word that the three Persian women taken aboard Khorramshahr showed the skipper what he thought were passports.

Only the documents turned out to be prostitution licenses, written in Persian—of whatever they write there—and bearing official-looking photographs. At least, that's the latest scuttlebutt.

The "Ada Rehan," which the Isthmian line would like to disown at the moment, is the freighter which started from San Francisco for New Orleans and wound up on an eight-month world cruise that would rival the legendary "Flying Dutchman."

She put her skipper on the bench at Tripoli with a nervous breakdown, survived a mutiny after the first mate took over command and picked up the Persian women, three Persian men and a boy of seven at Khorramshahr.

The Persians were under the

Indian Navy Mutiny Enquiry

New Delhi, Apr. 24.

Vice-Admiral Godfrey, Flag Officer at the time of the disturbance in the Royal Indian Navy early this year, told the Commission of Enquiry today that among the contributory causes of dissatisfaction over the number of permanent commissions offered to officers and the shortage of books.

He said he would have liked to have the number of commissions offered—66—doubled. "It was a cause of my dissatisfaction as well that I was unable to get the Government to agree to more," he said.

Pandit Nehru, Indian Congress leader, was among the visitors at today's hearing.—Reuter.

FASTEAST FLIGHT

Buenos Aires, Apr. 24.

Completing the fastest flight so far from London to Buenos Aires, Vice Air Marshal D. C. T. Bennett, commanding the British South-American Airways' liner Starland, landed at Moron Aerodrome near here today ahead of schedule time.—Reuter.

The flight was no little concern among the American crew.

The boys thought they would be some two or three weeks from the United States and now it's been cut down to 10 days.

One airline operator figures that the new flight will shorten the present

Water

The water supply on the Island and Kowloon is to be restricted from April 27, when the supply will be cut off nightly from 7.30 p.m. to 6.30 a.m.

TONG FRICTION IN 'FRISCO

San Francisco, April 24.

Sergeant John Dyer who recently took over the San Francisco Chinatown police detail said today that a face slapping incident has revived Tong friction here. It is believed that there is no danger of an old fashioned Tong War as yet.

Sergeant Dyer said the trouble began when young member of a small Tong, the Sen Suey Ying Tong, slapped the face of the president of the powerful Bing Kong Tong, unaware at the time of whose face he was slapping.

The Bing Kong Tong is one of the biggest in the nation. The matter is now before the Elders of the Wo Ping Woolee, which is the Chinese pence society.

There have been no Tong Wars or killings in San Francisco since 1917 when trouble flared between the two Tong which are involved in the current dispute. Sergeant Dyer said that he had tried to get the leaders of the two Tong to shake hands but I have not met it yet," he admitted ruefully.

"Both Tong have no objections, but there is the question of face involved. I think it will smooth out soon, but the Chinese do not fight and make up as quick as a pair of Irishmen," he explained.—Associated Press.

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U.S. REPUBLICANS' NEW CHAIRMAN

(By HAROLD FAIR)

NEW YORK, APRIL 24.

THE U.S. REPUBLICAN PARTY, WHICH HAS BEEN IN THE POLITICAL WILDERNESS SINCE FOUR SUCCESSIVE DEFEATS IN THE ELECTIONS OF 1932, 1936, 1940 AND 1944, HAS PICKED A CONSERVATIVE WITH A NON-INTERVENTIONIST RECORD TO "STAGE MANAGE" IT FOR WHAT IT HOPES WILL BE VICTORY IN THE 1948 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

HE IS MR. BRAZILLA CARROLL REECE, 56-YEAR-OLD CONGRESSMAN FROM TENNESSEE, CHOSEN NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE. THE MAN WHO HOLDS THIS POST IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GALVANIZING THE PARTY INTO ACTION. HE IS THE PARTY'S "VOICE" UNTIL A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IS CHOSEN, AND EXERTS A POTENT INFLUENCE IN THE ORGANIZATION.

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HK. RADIUM FOUND IN TOKYO

Tokyo, April 24.

The Civil Property Custodian disclosed today the recovery of \$500,000 worth of radium which the Japanese are asserted to have looted from Hong Kong last August.

The precious ore is deposited in a storage vault of the Bank of Japan, pending an expected claim for restitution by the United Kingdom Liaison Mission in Japan.

The Radium, 383.3 milligrams in weight, was flown from Hong Kong on August 24, 1945 in the plane of Prince Karin Harisato, Allied Headquarters Investigations showed, and was stored at the home of a Major Imai.

Japanese authorities said the invoice carried a notation, "purchased from an individual" but a letter by the British commander at Hong Kong to the British Liaison Mission in Japan disputed Japanese ownership.

"This theft" of Hong Kong's radium stock was reported to me in mid-September of 1945 by Dr. Evelyn Clarke, Director of the Medical and Sanitary Service, who discovered it had been taken to Canton by Lieutenant Tanaka and Colonel Yamazaki on August 21, 1945, the British commander wrote.—Associated Press.

Iran To Consider Bahrein Case

Tehran, April 24.

The Iranian Premier, Quavam Es Sultani, said at a press conference yesterday that he would have to study the question of the Government's attitude toward Iranian claims to the British protectorate of Bahrain.

A campaign for Iranian control of this rich oil island in the Persian Gulf, ruled over by an Arab Sheik, was recently launched by the Freedom Front Organization here.

The cabinet decided recently to charge taxes and royalty on oil from the island imported into Iran by American companies on Behalf.

While the left wing claims ancient Iranian ownership of the island, Right Wing writers have argued that it is subsidized by the Soviet Union.

The Propaganda Minister, Prince Mazrafer Firouz, said yesterday that the Red Army is rapidly quitting Azerbaijan and Iran through foreign observers said that no reports had reached here of Soviet troops actually leaving Azerbaijan. The Soviet-Iranian cultural society at the Caspian port of Pahlevi gave a farewell party for Russian officers.

The report, written under conditions of the greatest secrecy, in a luxury hotel in Lausanne, after weeks of exhaustive enquiry in Palestine and other countries, was completed several days ago.

Members of the Commission, who were not prepared to confirm or deny the report, said no statement could be made until their report was officially published.

Other points in the Commission's report, which was said to be unanimous, were: 100,000 Jews should be given facilities to enter Palestine immediately.

All plans for the partition of Palestine were rejected.—Reuter.

Premier Quavam requested the Army yesterday to investigate reports of fighting in Northwestern Iran near Zanjan, and in the desert South of Miyandau.

The Army said that they had received no official word of fighting, which Radio Tabriz reported earlier had broken out south of Miyandau between Iranian troops and the volunteers.

An observer said that minor clashes had occurred west of Zanjan, as a result of new settlers among the Kurdish tribes who have remained loyal to the Central Government.

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After a cautious look around the shopkeeper delved under the counter and almost reverently displayed two 20-carat German diamonds—a 1.6 carat and a 0.6 carat.

Associated Press.

ANYTHING YOU WANT ON BLACK MARKET

(By L. M. HANNA)

LONDON, APRIL 24.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU KNOW, BUT WHOM YOU KNOW IN THE BACKWATER STREETS, IN SNUG PUBS AND OTHER HAUNTS, YOU CAN PICK UP PRACTICALLY ANYTHING YOU WANT IF YOU SWALLOW YOUR SCRUPLES AND ARE PREPARED TO DIG DEEPLY ENOUGH INTO YOUR POCKETS.

On Sunday, for instance, following certain directions, I took the tube to a famous, if rather unsavoury, district of London—not far from the heart of the city. And what I saw there was almost unbelievable.

Full-fashioned silk stockings, towelling, curtain material, sheets, socks, shoes—all without coupons, none of them second-hand and all shamelessly expensive.

Real, pre-war standard fountain pens, openly flaunting the Government's instructions for only "utility" models; Swiss watches with jewelled movements, luminous dials, chrome-plated plates—all at luxury prices, in a "near-alum locality."

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BIRTH

MALINS.—On April 11, 1946, at Chadders, Aldworth, Berks, to Jill, wife of Commander C. W. Malins, D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Navy, a sister for Richard.

Food Problems

Whether it is to be attributed to skilful management or just luck, Hong Kong has not yet had serious experience of the meaning of real food shortage. Until the last few weeks, indeed, attention drawn there only because of official warnings, people in the Colony have tended to take for granted, as something remote, the world shortage of food. On Tuesday evening, the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, newly back from the Food Conference in Singapore, broadcast information which should bring home the truth to the individual citizen. That truth is a very simple one, though its simplicity does not contribute towards its palatability.

It is that the Colony has for some time past been compelled to work within extremely narrow margins, and that there is reason to suppose that the situation is more likely to get worse than to get better. In every possible way, food must be saved, particularly rice and flour, if we hope to maintain ourselves at anything like existing standards. The allocation by the Combined Food Board to the South-East Asia area has been cut and, because of the situation in India and elsewhere, proposals have been made to make further cuts.

We're such proposals to be carried into effect, the position in Hong Kong might very well become much more alarming than it is. Indeed, when announcement of the impending broadcast was made, it was freely interpreted by those with some knowledge of the situation as indicating ominous news. Happily, Sir Cecil's statement was, to some extent, reassuring. Action contemplated as a result of the Singapore Food Conference seems to offer some prospect that, other things being equal, the rice ration can be maintained at its present level. This, however, does not obviate the need for the strictest economy and prevention of waste. There is no call yet for a drastic tightening of belts. There is a responsibility and a necessity for ensuring that the supplies brought into Hong Kong are used beneficially and eked out to the farthest point.

Parliament

Mr. Morrison recently boasted that in just over 100 working days the Government had "transformed the Mother of Parliaments from a slothful old dame into a bright, energetic and intelligent young woman." By the time the Government have done with the bright young woman she will be in a fair way to becoming an overstocked and overstuffed blue stocking. Whenever she asked for a modest opportunity to make an initiative of her own, she is invariably told that "there is no prospect of the time being available." It was on this pretext that the Coal Bill was relegated to a Standing Committee and that Mr. Morrison refused discussion of a motion signed by 200 M.P.s. Judging by the contents of their election pamphlet, "Let us Face the Future," and by their subsequent utterances the Government have a programme which will keep Parliament legislating at its present pace for the rest of its natural life. They ought to wait to take another look at their programmes and see how many of them are really necessary. The nation is suffering from Indigestion, too.

Protection Of H.K. Children

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN WHICH DID SUCH GOOD WORK BEFORE THE WAR, IS TO RESUME ACTIVITY. A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL TO APPOINT OFFICERS.

OLD RESIDENTS WILL RECALL THAT THE SOCIETY WAS STARTED IN 1929 ON THE INITIATIVE OF SIR CECIL CLEMENTI, THEN GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, AND THE APPEAL FOR AN EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN OF THE POOR MET WITH A SPLENDID RESPONSE FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Foremost among the early workers was Mr. T. M. Hazlewood who, by reason of his knowledge and experience of such work in England, contributed much to the success and rapid expansion of the activities of the Society. For a number of years he served as Hon. Director, and his active connection with the Society's activities continued right up to the time of his departure from the Colony in 1937.

By 1941, the Society had so grown that it had five branches in various parts of the Colony, each with its own welfare centre, inspector and staff. In that year no less than 2,943 cases were given attention mostly to children suffering from acute malnutrition.

In addition to providing nutritional food and other relief to needy cases, orphans and children whose parents could not support them were sent to homes and institutions and maintained at the Society's expense.

Cradle Maintained

The Society also maintained a cradle, which proved to be a godsend to mothers who had to

Armed Robbery In Queen's Rd.

A total of H.K. \$11,500 C.N. \$400,000 and a considerable amount of jewellery was stolen during an armed robbery by three gangsters from 431 Queen's Road Central about 10.15 p.m. yesterday.

The robbers who were armed with automatic pistols resembling American Government Issue weapons, were all dressed in European-style clothes. They gained admittance into the premises, and gagged the inmates. The principal tenant, Tsui Ping, was forced to produce the key for the safe, from which \$2,000 and the jewellery were taken. The other inmates were also relieved of their valuables and money.

After remaining on the flat for over 20 minutes, the gangsters made good their escape.

A robbery occurred at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday at 1, Wongneichung Road, where H.K.\$11,000 was stolen.

The party was also said to consist of four men armed with automatic pistols.

BOTTLE EXPORT BANNED

The public are reminded that the list of prohibited export goods has been extended by proclamation to include glass bottles of all kinds.

The reason for this prohibition is that bottles of certain types (e.g. beer bottles and wine and spirit bottles) are urgently required for use in the Colony.

The Superintendent of Imports and Exports has been authorised to allow the export of glass bottles of types which are not urgently required.

DON'T BATHE

The public has been warned not to bathe on the main beach at Repulse Bay until repairs now being effected to the septic tank serving Repulse Bay Hotel, have been completed.

The tank was neglected during the Japanese occupation, and recently it was found to be out of order. It is expected that the work will be completed in a couple of weeks.

Col. W. M. Thomson, who attended the Far Eastern Food Conference in Singapore, returned to the Colony by air yesterday. Col. Thomson after the conference visited Java and Borneo.

Four well-dressed Chinese, armed with short fire arms, entered No. 1, Wongneichung Road, second floor, at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday, and got away with money and valuable to the value of \$3,000.

Gehring Deported

It is officially announced that Charles Alfred Gehring, against whom charges of acting as a "Collaborationist with the Japanese" were recently withdrawn by the Crown, has been deported from Hongkong for life on a deportation order signed by the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

This deportation order represents the "extra-judicial" measures to which the Crown prosecutor, Mr. M. A. do Silva referred in Court when he withdrew the treason charges.

POLICE RAIDS

Several premises in the West Point district were raided by Police under Chinese Sub-Inspector Lam Yung-hon, as opium dens, on Tuesday.

Before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, Chau Chai was charged with keeping an opium den at No. 79, Second Street, ground floor.

It was stated that when the flat was raided at about 4 p.m. on Tuesday by virtue of a general warrant issued admitted he was the keeper.

A fine of \$1,000 or three months' imprisonment was imposed.

A similar sentence was imposed on Lo Wan, convicted on a charge at No. 11, Centre Street, first floor.

A young girl, Yuen Shuk-ying, was fined \$400 or one month, for the same offence at No. 254, Des Voeux Road West, first floor.

Kwok Ching and Wong Mok-lam, who failed to appear in Court, charged with smoking at the above premises, had their bail of \$10 estreated.

C.S.I. Lam prosecuted in all cases.

Readers' Letters

Evicted

Sir.—Laws have been passed by the Local Administration for the protection of tenants from unscrupulous landlords and yet today I am being evicted by the authorities, to whom of course the laws do not apply.

I am at present living in a flat owned by a professional man, who also possesses two very nice houses in the best locality in Kowloon, which have been requisitioned by one of the Services. He has been trying his utmost for the past few months to get back one of those houses for his large family to stay as they have been living with friends since their return to Hong Kong. So far he has not succeeded. The Service in occupation just refused to consider his application, even for the return of part of a house.

Consequently, he has, with the help of the law, given me and the tenants of other flats in the building where we are staying notice to get out as he must have back his own premises. And so through my landlord I and a few more families are being pushed into the streets by the Authorities.

Now I know for a fact that another professional man had his house requisitioned by the Japanese when they were in occupation in Hong Kong but they at least had the decency of providing him with another house which was just as good as the one they took from him.

If the Japanese could do that, I wonder if the Service in question could provide my landlord with another house so that we poor tenants need not have to quit, as getting another flat at present is almost impossible unless we pay exorbitant tea money or transfer money, which we of the "white collar class" cannot afford.

But I presume that that Service, being superior to the Japanese in high handedness, will not consider such a bother or return to my landlord one of his houses.

The Service personnel and I are both living in someone's house but my landlord cannot ask them to leave but can throw me out into the street. If this is the Democracy that we fought for, then many have fought in vain.

DEMOCRACY.

Sentences of four years' imprisonment with hard labour were imposed on two Chinese gunmen by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday. Tso Tat and Wong Kan were charged with the unlawful possession of a revolver and four rounds and a revolver and five rounds of ammunition respectively. Both pleaded guilty.

Chief Detective-Inspector Fraser told the Court that on the night of April 22, a police patrol party challenged two men in Kowloon Tsai Village. One of them tried to run and was shot but made good his escape. The other man was found to have a loaded revolver in his girdle.

The next day, Wong Kan was arrested through information given by Yu Fai, at the Pak Tin Village. He also possessed a loaded revolver.

The first accused was connected with an arms case in January but turned King's evidence. The second accused was known to the police as a bad character.

For picking the pocket of one Pun Liu Fat at the Un Long Ferry Wharf on April 23, CN\$400, Ho Teo was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Latimer yesterday.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL NEARS END

THE COLONY'S FIRST TRIAL OF JAPANESE WAR CRIMINALS REACHED THE LAST STAGE YESTERDAY FOLLOWING 20 HEARINGS OF 44 WITNESSES, INCLUDING NINE FOR THE DEFENCE, SINCE MARCH 28.

THE COURT WAS ADJOURNED TO 10 A.M. THIS MORNING WHEN THE DEFENDING OFFICER, CAPT. M. CROFT, R.A.S.C., WILL SUM UP HIS CASE.

The trial which involves 14 Japanese of the Kishi Company, is being heard before a Military Tribunal comprising President, Lieut.-Col. J. C. Stewart (Department of the J.A.C. in India); Major M. I. Ormby, West Yorks Regiment; and Captain B. N. Kaul, Frontier Force Regiment.

The prosecution is being conducted by Captain J. F. Reilly, Staff Captain (Legal) H.Q. A.L.F.S.E.A.

Accused are Lieut. Kishi Yasuo, Lieut. Masumoto Choza-buro, W.O. Yangizawa Sadao, S.M. Kodama Mitsutoshi, S.M. Uchida Hiroshi, Sgt. Jonori Kichi, Sgt. Sato Yoshio, Sgt. Yoshikawa Gunichi, Capt. Kamisiro Katsunasa, L/Cpl. Takenaka Sakimatsu, L/Cpl. Ando Takashi, Pte. Nishizawa Kenro, Pte. Uemura Gisaku and Pte. Okamoto Kichitaro.

When the Court resumed yesterday morning, the last of the 14 accused, Private Okamoto Kichitaro, admitted when cross-examined by Capt. Reilly that he had assisted Lieut. Matsumoto and Sgt.-Major Kodama in the interrogation of the villagers, but denied having ill-treated the villagers and having tortured Lt. Fu-fook and Ho Yick.

After Captain Croft's request for more time to prepare his summing-up address on behalf of the 14 accused, the Court was adjourned to 10 a.m. today.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

C.A. Medical Branch

NOTICE

On account of the danger of contracting gastro-intestinal diseases such as typhoid, dysentery and cholera, the public is warned against eating salads, uncooked vegetables, ice-cream and allied products, shell-fish and fruit, which is peeled or cut before purchase. Worm infections, which are commonly contracted through the consumption of salads and uncooked vegetables, are widespread at present.

J. P. FEHILY, Colonel, R.S.M.C., D.D.M.S. (C.A.)

Hong Kong, April 17, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

MEDICAL BRANCH

Household Refuse

Attention is drawn to the present practice of depositing garbage and other household refuse in streets, yards and derelict building sites. Householders are reminded that such accumulations encourage the presence and breeding of rats and mosquitoes, which apart from the nuisance caused to those in the immediate neighbourhood, are carriers of disease and constitute a grave menace to the health of the Colony. Every effort must therefore be made to deposit refuse in the vehicles which call daily for this purpose or alternatively, to leave it available for collection in suitable containers.

J. P. FEHILY, Colonel, R.A.M.C., D.D.M.S. (C.A.)

Hong Kong, April 18, 1946.

NOTICE

KENNEDY TOWN MARKET & WHITTY STREET TERMINUS ROUTE ALTERATION OF TIME-TABLE

Commencing Thursday, 25th April, 1946,
FIRST CAR will leave:

WHITTY STREET 6.48 a.m.
KENNEDY TOWN 6.54 a.m.

and afterwards every 12 minutes.

WHITTY STREET 8.12 p.m.
KENNEDY TOWN 8.18 p.m.

There will be one intervening Stopping Place at Sand Street only.

Intending PASSENGERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO JOIN OR LEAVE THE CARS AT OTHER POINTS.

W. E. SIMMONS, Acting General Manager

Hong Kong, April 24, 1946.

Future Of Indonesia

The Hague, April 24.
The final discussions between the Netherlands Government and the Indonesian delegation now in Holland on the future of Indonesia are to be held at The Hague tomorrow, a reliable source reported today.—Reuter.

IL DUCE'S BODY SNATCHED

Milan, April 24.
Unknown persons last night exhumed and removed the body of Benito Mussolini, former Fascist dictator, from a secret grave in one of Milan's cemeteries, where it was buried after his execution by partisans in April, 1945.

The authorities have opened an inquiry but have not yet found any clues. They are also puzzled as to how the body snatchers managed to find the grave. Its location had been kept a close secret.

Mussolini, Clara Petacci, his mistress, and other Fascist leaders were caught by Italian partisans in April, 1945, in the village of Dongo near Como when seeking to escape.

Dealing on summary justice, the partisans sentenced Mussolini and Clara Petacci to death after a ten minute trial.

At 4.00 p.m. on April 28, a firing squad of fifteen men of the Garibaldi Division shot them both.

Their bodies were brought to Milan where they were strung up by the heels in Plaza Loreto before being taken down and buried in secret graves.—Reuter.

Officers Like U.S. Air Force

Washington, April 24.
The United States Army Air Force reveals that more officers have volunteered to remain in that service than is actually needed.

All commissioned personnel have been screened to retain only those rated as being best qualified to remain, said General Carl Spaatz, Army Air Force Chief, today.

With 70 air groups authorized for an interim air force, the plans call for a strength of 400,000 men, of whom 50,000 will be officers. The peak strength of the army air force was 2,260,000 officers and men on V-J day.—Associated Press

The Next War Prophets

Columbus, April 24.
Lieutenant-General Ira Eaker told a national conference on Women in Aviation last night that the next war would come by thrusts of airborne atomic weapons across the Arctic.

The Deputy Chief-of-Staff of the U.S. Army Air Forces declared that guided missiles,

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ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TREATY

Definite Progress In Preliminary Talks

Much Ground Believed Cleared

CAIRO, APRIL 24.
DEFINITE PROGRESS APPEARS TO BE BEING MADE IN THE ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TALKS.

THE EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER, SIDKY PASHA, HAS CONVOKED THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO SUBMIT TO THEM THE RESULTS OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION, LORD STANSATE (AIR MINISTER) AND SIR RONALD CAMPBELL (BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT).

The official date of the beginning of negotiations will then be fixed, but there is general belief that much ground has been cleared and some political circles think the draft treaty has been considered, though this is not officially confirmed.

According to "Al Dostour," the opening of negotiations has been delayed in order to hear the views of Field-Marshal Smuts, who is due in Cairo tonight on his way to London for the Dominion Prime Ministers' conference, and who is deeply interested in Mediterranean problems.

Major-General Jacob, member of the British delegation, left Cairo by air this morning for London to acquaint the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, of the latest developments in the preliminary contacts.

PHILIPPINE ELECTION QUIET

Manila, April 21.
The Philippines today had peaceful voting in the presidential elections for the first leader of the world's newest sovereign state.

Touring through central Luzon—the centre of political unrest—Reuters Correspondent found troops in armoured cars patrolling the highways and side roads with low-flying observation planes covering the entire area.

During the day's voting not a single disorder was reported.

Colonel Luis Tarac of the Hukbuhap (Independent Leftist Guerilla Movement) who is the leader of 20,000 armed peasants, said that there was no reason for trouble although he foresaw the possibility of trouble some months ahead.

Definite election results are not expected before this weekend.

Voting in Manila was also quiet with fairly heavy balloting.

Colonel Tarac forecast that Manuel Roxas would get only five per cent of the total votes in central Luzon but he expected Roxas to be successful in Manila.

The other presidential candidate is Sergio Osmeña.—Reuter.

carrying tons of explosives and travelling at 3,000 miles an hour, could be built by any industrial nation.

General Eaker is on his way to witness the atomic bomb tests to be held at Bikini Atoll.

He favours the unification of the armed forces more than he does better training for diplomats.—Associated Press

Japanese Coalition Runs Into Hitch

Tokyo, April 24.
Discussions on the prospective formation of a coalition government today ran into complications but the situation is not considered hopeless.

Members of the Social Democrat Executive Committee publicly stated that they would cooperate if their party is given important posts including the Premiership.

Otherwise they said they will let the Progressives and Liberals take over and they "stand outside in opposition."

Ichiro Kawano, Liberal whip, met Tetsu Katayama, Secretary-General of the Socialist Party last night but a report on the conference said they did not go far in their discussions.

Word was spread in political circles to "watch Yoshida" as a dark horse in the complicated jockeying for power. Some observers expressed the belief that Shigeru Yoshida—who is Shidehara's Foreign Minister, might become Liberal President if Ichiro Hatoyama is disqualified for past ultra-nationalism.

The Japanese people have rejected extremes in the government at the polls and have chosen the middle-road leaders they believe would best serve the people themselves, General MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, declared today, in accepting his headquarters! report on the general election.

Allied Headquarters said the Japanese turned their backs on the phoney phy that past experience has shown mean regimentation of masses and suppression of human liberty."

"Democracy has thus demonstrated a healthy forward advance," MacArthur declared, adding that given the opportunity to cast the shackles of the past decades, in which the militarists held them in subjugation, the people "responded whole heartedly" to a chance for a free expression of their views.—Associated Press.

Vienna Plane Incident

Vienna, April 24.
General Mark Clark, Commander of the United States occupation forces in Austria, today joined a sharp protest with the Soviet authorities over the alleged attack by four Soviet fighter planes on American transport aircraft over the United States airport of Tulln.

The Soviet fighters are alleged to have circled the American transport planes when they were preparing to land at an airport near Vienna and to have fired several shots, forcing them down. Soviet officials declined to comment on the incident.—Reuter.

CZECH LABOUR AND TRIESTE

Prague, April 25.
A resolution demanding the incorporation of the disputed province of Venetia Giulia, which includes Trieste, into Yugoslavia, has been issued through the Congress of Czech and Slovak Trade Unions in Prague.

The Congress also urged Trade Unions throughout the world, to intensify the fight against Franco-Spain.—Reuter.

Baronet And Stolen Manuscript

Bombay, April 24.
Sir Cowasji Homji, multi-millionaire baronet of Bombay, was today ordered by the Chief Presidency Magistrate to surrender to the court an original manuscript of great antiquity, which it was stated came into the baronet's possession in 1945.

The manuscript is of the book "Gulistan" written in the twelfth century by a Persian poet and owned by Shah Jehan, creator of the Taj Mahal at Agra.

The police alleged that the manuscript has been stolen from a library in Hyderabad (Deccan) by a man for whom they were now searching and that it had been sold to Sir Cowasji for the equivalent of £417.

The court ruled that it should remain in the court's custody while inquiries are being made.

Sir Cowasji's solicitors said that his client was a bona fide purchaser of the book, which he bought after having it valued by an expert.—Reuter.

Russia To Discuss Air Compact

Washington, April 24.
Russia has accepted the American invitation to confer on the possibilities of drawing up a commercial aviation agreement between the two countries, the State Department announces.

No date has yet been set for the start of negotiations, but government officials here believe that it is possible that it will be held concurrently with the discussions of the projected \$1,000,000,000 American loan to the Soviet Union.

If the Soviet-American air pact is concluded, it may mean, among other things, that planes of the American Overseas Incorporation will fly into Moscow by two routes, one of which will include a stop at Leningrad. These routes already have been certified to the American Overseas firm by the United States Aeronautics Board.

Other American companies have also indicated their interest in flying into Russia by way of the Far East and also over the "top of the world," but none of them have been certified for such routes as yet, said Board officials.

Presumably any agreement would allow the Soviet Government airline a number of routes into the United States equal to the number of those assigned to American companies for operating into Russia.—Associated Press.

Frank's Bid To Blame Himmler

Nuremberg, April 24.
Counsel for the German General Staff and High Command of the Wehrmacht—organizations indicted before the War Crimes Tribunal—has asked permission of the court to seek affidavits from the following high Allied officers: General George Marshall, former United States Chief of Staff; General Walter Smith, former Chief-of-Staff to General Dwight Eisenhower; and Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke, Chief of Imperial General Staff.

Counsel, Dr. Laternser, wants them to answer these questions: Could a country like Germany, surrounded by highly armed states, avoid making peacetime preparations for the deployment of armed forces for the necessary protection of her territorial integrity?

Was it not at any time the national duty and inevitable task of competent military authorities to make preparations against potential attacks on German territory?

During today's session, Josef Buchler, State Secretary to Hans Frank, former Governor-General of Occupied Poland, depicted Frank as a man opposed to all Nazi measures. He said, for example, Frank insisted on legal trials for Polish "terrorists" and on equal treatment for Poles recruited as workers. Frank, he said, urged Hitler to free 50,000 or 60,000 prisoners, who were sent to concentration camps after the Warsaw rising in 1944.—Reuter.

Documentary Evidence

Nuremberg, April 24.
Hans Frank, who admitted "feeling a terrible gulf" at Nazi crimes, drove towards the conclusion of his defense yesterday at the International War Crimes Tribunal with the submission of voluminous documentary evidence intended to uphold that Himmler was the real hangman of occupied Poland.

Several hundred pages of reports and affidavits introduced by his counsel alleged that Frank was frequently in conflict with Berlin because of his efforts to restrain the cruelties of the S.S.

The most important affidavit came from Bach-Zelewski, former S.S. general, who crushed the Warsaw revolt and who had previously appeared as a prosecution witness.

Bach-Zelewski swore that he had heard Himmler pronounce Frank as "traitor to his country."

Boston, April 24.
A "fairly strong" earthquake originating in the Southwest Pacific area—possibly south of Java, or in the New Zealand region—13,500 miles from Boston, was recorded on Weston College's seismograph at 000516 gmt. today.

Seismologist, said that reading did not provide "too good a direction."

The record was not as strong as those of some recent earthquakes and was far away,

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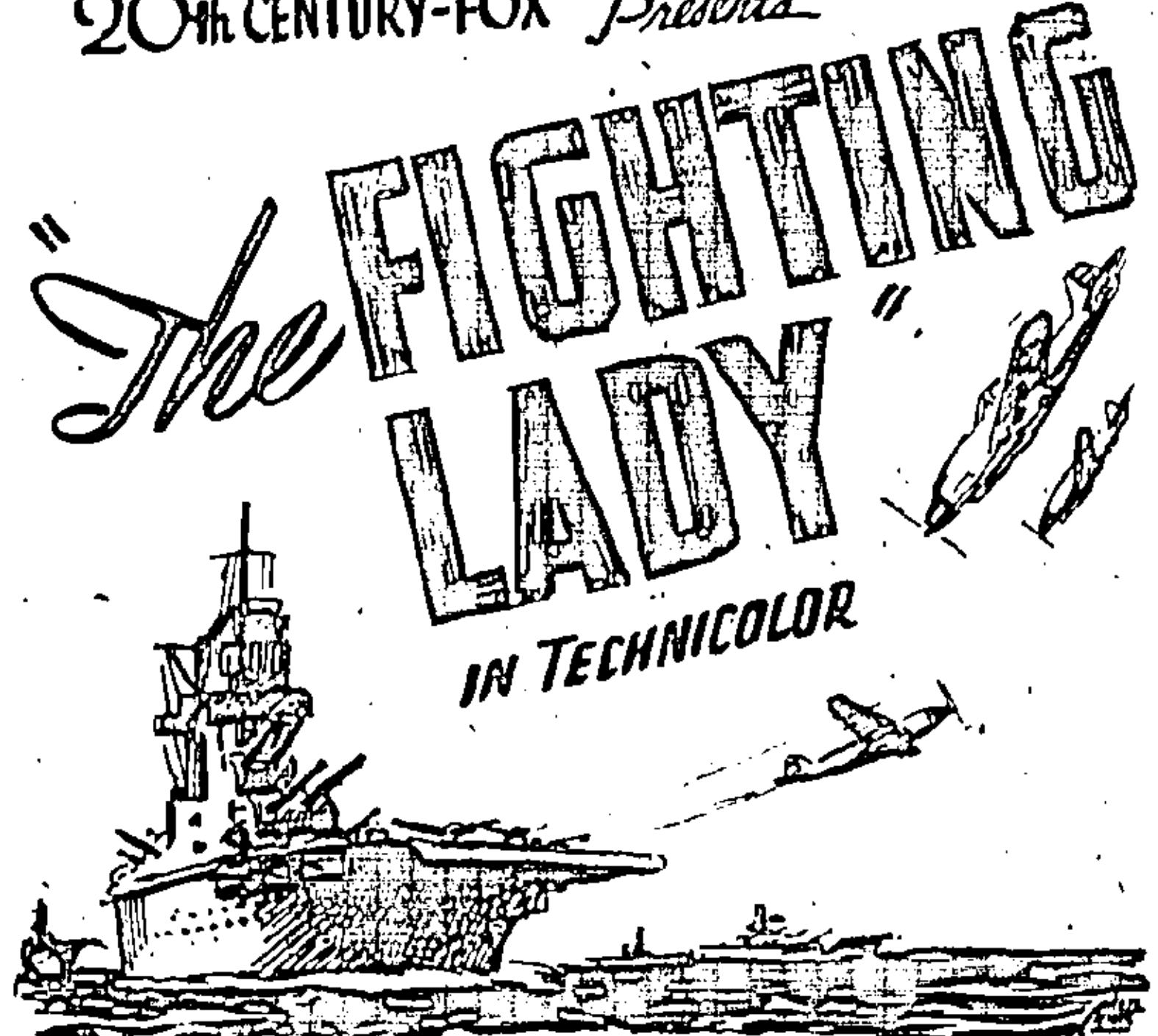
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Channel Tunnel Scheme Not Much Hope Of Anything

LONDON, APRIL 24.—SOME TIME IN JUNE HALF A DOZEN MEN WILL RENT A HOTEL ROOM AND SIT DOWN TO TALK ABOUT A RECEDING DREAM — RAILWAY-MOTOR TUNNEL UNDER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL. FIRST PROPOSED IN NAPOLEON'S TIME AS AN UNDER-SEA WAY FOR STAGE COACHES, AND TALKED ABOUT EVER SINCE, THE TUNNEL SCHEME AS NOW RECOGNISED AS "ALMOST A DEAD PIGEON" BY SOME OF ITS STAUNCHEST SUPPORTERS.

The hotel meeting will be the annual meeting of the Channel Tunnel Company Limited, founded in 1881 to finance the British share of the work. It has an issue capital of £91,000,000, but has never paid a dividend.

Early in the century, the cost of the tunnel was estimated at £16,000,000. By 1930, the figure was boosted to £30,000,000 and by 1939 to £42,000,000. The laying of through railway tracks would cost several times that.

"The outlay would be so tremendous that it is almost beyond any private purse," says Leo F. A. d'Erlanger, company director with banking interests in the City. "The project must be regarded now as a political problem."

"Frankly, the prospect for any action is not bright; but I

don't suppose the company will fold up. After all, it has lasted 65 years. We have some investments that bring in a small profit. And presumably we'll have some prior rights if the tunnel is ever built."

Napoleon, commenting once on the plan to the English Ambassador in Paris said: "This is one of the things we ought to do together."

Nearly-Once

Once the tunnel nearly was built. Sixty years ago, pilot shafts were sunk near Dover and the builders branched out two miles under the Channel before the project was vetoed by Parliament.

Another shaft was sunk near Calais and galleries pushed toward Britain; but here, too, the work was eventually sealed off.

In 1924, the demand was raised again. But the Imperial Defence Committee turned down the scheme on military and strategic grounds.

Then, in 1929, a special parliamentary committee was set up to look into the proposal. Briefly, the plan, before it was for a tunnel 36 miles long — 24 miles under the sea — would allow passengers to travel from London to Paris by train in 2½ hours. The cost of the tunnel then was estimated at £30,000,000, with another £15,000,000 for the approach railways.

The committee found the cost prohibitive but said the tunnel "would be of economic advantage to this country." In 1930 statement of policy, however, the Government again rejected the scheme.

But big men still have faith in the scheme. Chairman of the company today is Sir Herbert Walker, former general manager of the Southern Railway, and the Earl of Baden is a director.

If England and France had won the war together, the tunnel might have been built to commemorate the two countries' close co-operation," says Mr. d'Erlanger. "But the way things worked out, we don't see much hope of anything being done."

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But East had three cards in the club suit, and only one of those would produce three tricks. Obviously, any lead would succeed if West held both the Ace and Queen; and no lead would succeed if South held the Ace. But care was needed if South held the Queen and West the Ace.

The proper lead, as East soon saw, was the Jack. Then if South played the Queen, West would take the Ace and the King-nine would win the next two tricks. But if East led the two of clubs, South would play low and dummy's ten would compel West to play the Ace. Then the Queen would win the third round of the suit.

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D. 9 8
C. 10 6 2

B. 4 3
H. 5 4 2
D. Q J 10 6
C. A 7 4 3

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H. 8 7 3
W. E. D. A 7 4 3
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Port Of Shanghai Silt Up

(By J. S. BATES)

SHANGHAI, APRIL 24.

YEARS OF NEGLECT AND LACK OF DREDGING EQUIPMENT HAVE REDUCED SHANGHAI'S HARBOUR FACILITIES TO A FRACTION OF THEIR PRE-WAR CAPACITY. SHIPS BRINGING VITAL COMMODITIES FOR SHANGHAI AND ITS VAST HINTERLAND PILE UP OUTSIDE THE PORT FOR AS LONG AS TWO WEEKS BEFORE THEY CAN DISCHARGE. MANY ARE DIVERTED TO OTHER FAR EASTERN CENTRES BY THEIR OWNERS, WHO REFUSE TO BEAR THE HEAVY COST AND INCONVENIENCE THIS DELAY ENTAILS.

ALTHOUGH THE APPROACHES WERE DECLARED FREE FROM MINES AND THE PORT WAS OFFICIALLY RE-OPENED TO MERCHANT SHIPPING AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER, NAVIGATION UP THE YANGTZE RIVER TO SHANGHAI IS STILL NOT WITHOUT DANGER, SINCE MANY AIDS-TO-SHIPPING, SUCH AS LIGHTSHIPS, LIGHTHOUSES AND BUOYS, WERE EITHER DESTROYED BY THE JAPANESE OR HAVE BECOME USELESS.

Shanghai lies up the rapid-flowing, silt-laden Whangpoo River which flows into the Yangtze some 30 miles from its mouth.

In normal times constant dredging was necessary to keep the main channel and berths open to sea-going vessels. Shortage of berths deep enough to accommodate freighters is the principal bottleneck at present.

During March and the beginning of this month there were often twenty or more ships waiting at the mouth of the Whangpoo for berths in Shanghai, British and American shipping companies, in an effort to bypass this shortage, are discharging some of their ships into lighters, which are then towed into the port. This is not a satisfactory solution, however, due to the limited supply of tugs and lighters.

A grievance voiced by merchant shippers is that many of the best deep berths are occupied by American warships. They feel that small naval craft, such as destroyers and minesweepers, should be moved to shallow berths to make way for merchantmen.

U.N.R.R.A. is being urged to bring in the necessary equipment for the maintenance of harbour facilities. Since it cannot discharge relief supplies as fast as it would like, this organisation is giving priority consideration to the problem.

Only 8 Dredgers

...Of the 16 dredgers operating before the war, only eight are now in service. The others were removed by the Japanese during their occupation and cannot be traced. Among those

"Anson" Due In Yokohama

TOKYO, APR. 24.

H.M.S. "Anson", one of the last British battleships completed during the war, will arrive at Yokohama on Friday, the United Kingdom Liaison Mission here said today.

P. & O. Complaint

Foreign shipping companies are complaining of lack of cooperation by the Chinese in returning tugs and lighters seized by the Japanese. A case in point is that of the P. & O. Steam Navigation Company. The P. & O. owned seven steel lighters in Shanghai before the war. These lighters were seized by the Japanese and, after the surrender, by the Chinese military. Officials of the company complain that the Chinese are using them for transporting military supplies from Shanghai to other Yangtze ports, and refuse either to return the vessels or to pay suitable compensation.

The battleship is commanded by Captain F. S. Bell who commanded H.M.S. "Exeter", one of the three British cruisers which drove the German pocket-battleship "Graf Spee" into the Plate River where the Nazis scuttled the ship. —Associated Press.

Hoover Meeting Gandhi

NEW DELHI, APR. 24.

Former President Herbert Hoover, Honorary Chairman of Truman's Famine Emergency Committee, will meet Mahatma Gandhi today, by journeying to Gandhi's quarters, for conference just prior to his departure by plane for Bangalore and Bombay.

Hoover conferred late yesterday with top Indian Government food experts relative to famine conditions in India.—Associated Press.

OCCUPATION FORCES

KUO, APR. 24.

H.M.S. "Cheshire" arrived yesterday from Bombay with 700 British and 1,800 Indian troops, 2 R.A.F. nurses and one W.V.S.

Most of the troops saw service on the Burma front with the Second Division.—Associated Press.

Stockholm, Apr. 24.

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that a Swoldish-Turkish trade agreement has almost been reached and that its signing might be expected any moment.—Associated Press.

Berserk

Shanghai, Apr. 24.
A berserk American seaman, 19 years old, killed nine shipmates, wounded a tenth and then himself, in a shooting orgy on an LST far up the Yangtze River, the Navy reported today.—Associated Press.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK

TOKYO, APR. 24.

A purge of officials of the Bank of Japan who fall in the undesirable category of the Allied Headquarters January 4 directive, and the reorganisation of the Yokohama Specie Bank, are reported by the Kyodo News Agency today.

The news agency said the Finance Ministry has removed Governor Hisashi Araki and other high officials of the Bank of Japan (who are under the command) and will name a new Governor for the bank tomorrow.

The agency also said it has learned that Hisato Ichinada, who has been head of the Osaka branch of the bank, will be named as successor to Araki.

The Finance Ministry, the agency said, has selected Yuzan Iiumaguchi as President of the Yokohama Specie Bank. He has been the managing director of the Sanwan Bank. The agency also reported that Kiyoichi Okai, former manager of the Shanghai branch of the bank, has been named the new Vice-president. —Associated Press.

COLOMBO, APR. 24.

Three thousand labourers in Colombo harbour struck today for better wages and holidays. The strike has paralysed the loading and unloading of ships here.—Reuter.

Setting Up House At Home

(By Muriel Penn)

LONDON, APRIL 24.

British housewives who gave up their aluminium saucepans, frying pans and other kitchen equipment to help build aeroplanes in the critical days of the war will soon be getting them back in the form of chairs, tallboys, wardrobes and dressing tables.

These and other articles of furniture are the latest efforts of British manufacturers to beat austerity and increase production of much needed furniture and other equipment for the homes, prefabricated and otherwise, which we are promised before the end of the year.

A bedroom suite which I saw the other day was made of aluminium and finished in plastic in a delicate shade of beige. All surfaces were smooth and polished so as to catch a minimum of dust, and there was a wide choice of colours, including pastel shades of green, pink, beige, red and cream, royal blue and several shades of brown.

Patient housewives will be able to get this furniture at controlled prices are still strictly reserved for those with priority claims and supplies of non-utility linen or silk sheets priced at anything upwards of £5 a pair are running short. The shortage is further aggravated by the inability of laundries to return the ordinary householders' washing in less than three months.

This furniture, made by workers who during the war built Spitfires in former Spitfire factories, is only one of many new features now appearing on the British market for the homes of the near future. All are specially designed to make work easy in these days of acute shortage of domestic help.

Not all, like the furniture, are immediately available to all who would-be purchasers, but manufacturers hope to have many of them on the market for general sale by the late summer and all of them by the end of the year.

Larger supplies of glassware which almost disappeared during the war, crockery and hardware are also becoming available.

Tea Sets

Tea sets and dinner services are still for the most part "utility" pattern—plain white or all-colour cream, pale blue or pink. But designs and non-utility shapes are reappearing in increasing numbers.

Soft furnishing fabrics are

HONG KONG SOCCER SEASON ENDS

(BY REFEREE)

WITH THE RETURN OF THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION ENDS THE REHABILITATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE WHICH HAS, IN SPITE OF MANY DIFFICULTIES, DONE AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF GOOD FOR THE GAME AND PROVIDED SPORT FOR THOUSANDS EACH WEEK-END:

FEW PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS REALISE THE AMOUNT OF HARD WORK PUT IN BY THE CONTROL BOARD AND THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUANCE OF GAMES WEEK AFTER WEEK.

It was fortunate that Col. Thomas took such a great and personal interest in football and the advice and assistance he has given was greatly instrumental in the successful season now about to conclude. In spite of his many duties he attended many League games and his presence was not confined only to important or needle games.

Great help and encouragement was also given by His Excellency, Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, Gen. F. W. Festing, Commodore Everett, Brig. MacDowell, Col. Sansom and Mr. M. K. Lo and there is no denying that these officials by their co-operation, enabled the season to finish so smoothly for without their help competitive football might have ended abruptly following two unpleasant incidents.

The League Committee, headed by Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, is to be congratulated on the fine work done. League and Salede competitions were successfully run with interest maintained till the end and competition keen throughout. In addition, several charity games, which netted considerable amounts, were arranged, and the first official interport between Hong Kong and Canton was played.

Unlike previous years the League and not individual clubs controlled the gate receipts and it is understood that the takings, less running expenses of clubs will be devoted to the rehabilitation of clubs and grounds.

A Wise Move

This was a very wise move in more ways than one. The control by the League eliminated any sham-amateurish or semi-professionalism which was so evident in previous years. Players played the game for the sport of it and not for any benefit, financial or otherwise, they might obtain.

Football games were played by Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, is to be congratulated on the fine work done. League and Salede competitions were successfully run with interest maintained till the end and competition keen throughout. In addition, several charity games, which netted considerable amounts, were arranged, and the first official interport between Hong Kong and Canton was played.

This game did much to revive interest among the Chinese in soccer and some 6,000 attended the game resulting in gate receipts of over \$5,000—an excellent effort in view of the fact that there were no stands on the ground.

When the Control Board took over football was placed on a more organised footing. Several games for the C-in-C's Relief Fund and Chinese charities were played between Chinese teams and Service sides with excellent financial results and the spirit displayed by players and spectators was most commendable.

The committee of the Rehabilitation League has accepted two handsome trophies for competition. The first is the China Dispensary Cup for the League champions, presented by Dr. K. S. Shiu, manager of the China Dispensary. This silver cup weighs 4½ pounds, stands 22½ inches high without the stand and has a diameter of 12 inches. This is undoubtedly the biggest trophy in the Colony.

The other is the Sincere Perfumery Co. shield which will be presented by Gen. F. W. Festing on Saturday to the winner of the Navy "B"-No. 1 Commando game.

will plant nearly 800,000,000 acres of food, livestock feed and fibro crops. This would be nearly 4,000,000,000 more than was planted last year.

Food Officials have said that the United States and the other major grain producing countries must produce bumper crops this year. If current famine conditions in war-torn areas are to be averted next year.—Associated Press.

Trout With A Dash Of Paprika

Washington, Apr. 24.
Hatchery-reared brook and brown trout are being made more colourful so anglers can tell them from wild trout. The trick is a little pepper in their diet.

By using 2 per cent paprika in the food, the Fish and Wild Life Service reports the fins become coloured and spots characteristic of wild fish appear.

"Larger quantities of paprika produced brilliant colouration of the entire body," the Service said in a statement, adding the trout retained this colour for six weeks to two months after it developed. The taste of the fish is not affected.

The Service has decided to try the paprika diet in Federal hatcheries during the coming season, and in some of the State hatcheries. No method of colouring hatchery rainbow trout has yet been found.—Associated Press.

U.S. Baseball

New York, April 24.

Eddie Head, ex-soldier who switched to his right hand after he broke his left arm, pitched a no-hitter game for Brooklyn against Boston Tuesday. In his first start since he entered the army two years ago, the Dodgers won 5 to 0.

Cincinnati's Haas and Miller got home runs but St. Louis won, 3 to 2, in another National League top.

In the American League, Washington started a six-run batting-festival in the eleventh inning and won over Boston, 8 to 2.

The scores:

National League:	R. H. E.
Boston	0 0 0
Brooklyn	5 10 1
St. Louis	3 8 0
Cincinnati	2 5 2
New York	1 9 0
Philadelphia	8 12 0
Chicago	3 5 1
Pittsburgh	1 5 2
American League:	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	0 4 0
New York	3 7 2
Detroit	1 5 1
Chicago	3 6 1
Washington	8 12 3
Boston	2 9 3

—Associated Press.

TITLE RETAINED

Johannesburg, Apr. 24.
Bobby Locke retained the South African golf title yesterday by shooting six under par in the final round, 66. For seventy-two holes he turned in a total of 285, which was fourteen strokes better than the nearest competitor.

Locke will leave for England soon to compete in the British open and other major tournaments.—Associated Press.

RADIO

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th, 1946.
HAL LORENZO FROM THE STUDIO

Z.B.W. HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 1230 to 130 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., 8.00 to 8.15 p.m. and 9.15 to 11.00 also on 9.52 Megacycles.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summarised—ENSA.

1.00 p.m.—News and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestra Raymond.

1.30 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

4.30 p.m.—Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—Gino Brodini and His Harmonians.

7.15 p.m.—Iver Fye—The Singing Sailor—ENSA.

7.30 p.m.—Studio—Hal Lorenzo at the Piano.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News, Column—Colman Hawkins (Guitarist) and His Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Variety Half-Hour.

9.00 p.m.—Albert Sandler's Palm Court Orchestra.

9.20 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Mary Ellis & Richard Taub.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

10.05 p.m.—Some Compositions of Weber.

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